

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

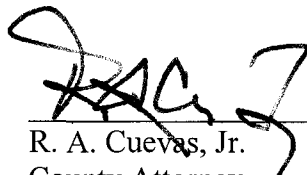
**DATE:** November 6, 2007

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Directing the  
County Manager to Study  
The Feasibility of Locating  
An Observation Wheel,  
Similar to the London Eye,  
At the Port of Miami

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez.

  
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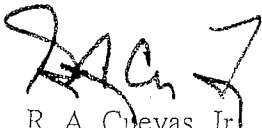


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Please note any items checked.

\_\_\_\_\_ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public  
hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

\_\_\_\_\_ Budget required

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of fiscal impact required

\_\_\_\_\_ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's  
report for public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

\_\_\_\_\_ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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11-06-07

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO  
STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF LOCATING AN  
OBSERVATION WHEEL, SIMILAR TO THE LONDON EYE,  
AT THE PORT OF MIAMI

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, the London Eye, then the world's tallest observation wheel, opened on the banks of the River Thames in London; and

**WHEREAS**, the London Eye stands at a height of close to 450 feet and offers breathtaking views of more than 15 miles in all directions in capsules that provide comfort and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the London Eye has become an iconic landmark, comparable to Big Ben and the Tower of London, and is now the most popular paid visitor attraction in the United Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3.5 million people ride the London Eye each year, paying close to \$30 per person; and

**WHEREAS**, similar observation wheels have been built at Niagara Falls and Nanchang, China, and are being built in Las Vegas, Orlando, Beijing, Singapore and Berlin; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 11.6 million visitors come to Miami-Dade County every year and spend \$16.3 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Miami is the Cruise Capital of the World and the Port of Miami last year saw 3.9 million cruise ship passengers come through its facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Miami has numerous infrastructure and capital improvement needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Miami is situated in an ideal location for an observation wheel with breathtaking views of the ocean and downtown skyline,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Directs the County Manager to study the feasibility of locating an observation wheel, similar to the London Eye, at the Port of Miami.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Manager to provide the feasibility study to this Board within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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|                      | Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman        |
|                      | Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz     | Audrey M. Edmonson                 |
| Carlos A. Gimenez    | Sally A. Heyman                    |
| Joe A. Martinez      | Dennis C. Moss                     |
| Dorrin D. Rolle      | Natacha Seijas                     |
| Katy Sorenson        | Rebeca Sosa                        |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto |                                    |

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Jess M. McCarty

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